GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NOC FOR BASIC AMENITIES TO SLUM IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of slum colonies are situated on railway land in Mumbai, Greater Mumbai(Maharashtra);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested his ministry for No Objection Certificate (NOC) to enable it to provide basic facilities and amenities and construct multi-storeyed buildings on that land under their Slum Rehabilitation Programme for improving the standard of living of slum dwellers and also to improve the environmental conditions of the slum;

(d) if so, whether the said NOC has since been issued to the Government of Maharashtra;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b): There are approximately 21000 no. of encroachments on Railway land in entire Mumbai covering an area of approximately 37 Hectares.

(c) to (f): As per normal policy of the Railways, unauthorised encroachments are to be removed to clear the railway land of the encroachers. However, in the case of encroachers in Mumbai a meeting was held in 1998 with officers of the State Govt. and it was indicated that Railways can examine the feasibility of granting NOC after receipt of request from the State Govt. No such request has been received.